

GROUP Connect-EU

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Areas of action

To make a concerted effort across Catalonia in three strategic areas of action related to ICTs. Namely:

- _ *smart infrastructures* as underlying platforms to bring about technological and economic progress.
- _ *the impact of technology on social challenges* related to issues such as socio-demographic changes, the maintenance of the welfare system and security.
- _ *open innovation* as a factor for accelerating and leading new initiatives.

Goals

- 1_ To maximise the number of proposals with the coordination of the partner members and organisations in the last FP7 calls.
- 2_ To facilitate alliances and/or other forms of cooperation between the organisations in the group.
- 3_ To identify the technological areas that are of strategic interest for Catalonia's ICT ecosystem.
- 4_ To advise ACCIÓ on how to liaise effectively with the stakeholders (CDTI, European Commission, etc.).
- 5_ To have a decisive influence on European programmes (CIP, AAL, etc.) and on the FP8 in particular.

Strategy

- _ To identify the sector's ecosystem and key stakeholders in Catalonia and draw up the corresponding technological roadmap.
- _ To promote the concept of the joint research unit (JRU) among the members of the Group and other related Catalan bodies, thus avoiding overlaps with other networks and maximising options on returns.
- _ To endeavour to join the European Commission's high-level groups and, therefore, have close contacts with their officers.

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